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# PET TRUST

MAKE SURE YOUR PET IS WELL CARED FOR  
IN THE EVENT OF YOUR DISABILITY OR DEATH.



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What will happen to your pets when you can no longer care for them? Florida law

allows you to create a special trust to provide the necessary funds for someone in

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whom you have confidence to care for your pet after your death. By taking the time to have a pet trust prepared you will have peace of mind knowing your pet will be fully cared for the same way you love and care for them now.

### HOW MUCH MONEY IS NEEDED TO FUND THE TRUST?

The trust should be funded with sufficient assets or property to care for your pet for its expected lifetime. When deciding on the amount, be sure to keep in mind any special needs and the expected life span of your pet. Funds can be used for travel, food, veterinary care, insurance, toys, treats, recreational activities, pet-sitting or boarding while the care-taker is away, and anything else to maintain your desired standard of living for your pet.

### HOW DOES IT WORK?

By setting up a pet trust, you will be able to decide who will take care of your pet when you are no longer able to do so. You do this by appointing a care-taker and trustee. The trustee will monitor the care-taker to ensure that he or she provides the proper care for your pet and will provide the funds to do so. The care-taker keeps your pet in his or her custody and handles the day to day needs of your pet.



The trust will be in effect throughout the lifetime of your pet. After death, the remainder of the funds can be disbursed at your direction to other beneficiaries as well. Create a plan for your pet for a time you may no longer be able to care for them yourself.

Please call us for an appointment to discuss your pet trust and further estate planning needs.